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CS475, CS476 and C477 Radar Water Level Sensor

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CS475, CS476, and CS477 Radar Water Level Sensor

1. Overview

The CS475, CS476, and CS477 are radar ranging sensors typically used for water-level applications. They emit short microwave pulses and then measure the elapsed time between the emission and return of the pulses. The elapsed time measurement is used to calculate the distance between the sensor face and the target (e.g., water, grain, slurry). The distance value can then be used to determine depth.

These radar sensors output a digital SDI-12 signal to indicate distance and stage. This output is acceptable for recording devices with SDI-12 capability including Campbell Scientific dataloggers. Compatible dataloggers include our CR200(X)-series, CR800-series, CR1000, CR3000, CR5000, CR510, and CR10X.

Three sensor models are available that differ in their measurement range and accuracy. The CS475 can measure distances up to 65 feet with an accuracy of ± 0.2 inches; the CS476 can measure up to 98 feet with an accuracy of ± 0.1 inches; and the CS477 can measure up to 230 feet with an accuracy of ± 0.6 inches.

The -L after the model name indicates that the cable length is user specified.



FIGURE 1-1. CS475, CS476, and CS477

2. Specifications

Measurement Range

CS475:	2 inch to 65 ft (50 mm to 20 m)
CS476:	2 inch to 98 ft (50 mm to 30 m)
CS477:	16 inch to 229 ft (400 mm to 70 m)

Accuracy

CS475 (20 inch to 65 ft):	±0.2 inch (±5 mm)
CS476 (20 inch to 98 ft):	±0.1 inch (±3 mm)
CS477 (20 inch to 230 ft):	±0.6 inch (±15 mm)

Resolution: 0.0033 ft (1 mm)

Output Protocol: SDI-12

Radar Unit

Frequency:	~26 GHz
Electromagnetic Compatibility:	Emission to EN 61326; Electrical Equipment Class B
Pulse Energy:	1 mW maximum
Beam angle	
CS475:	10° (3-in dia horn)
CS476, CS477:	8° (4-in dia horn)
Power Requirements	
Input Voltage:	9.6 to 16 Vdc
Surge Protection:	1.5 KVA

Typical Current Drain with 12 V power supply	
Sleeps:	4.7 mA
Measurement:	14 mA

Environmental

Operating Temperature Range:	-40° to +80°C
Storage Ranges	
Temperature:	-40° to +80°C
Relative Humidity:	20% to 80% RH
Temperature Sensitivity:	average TK: 2 mm/10 K, max 5 mm over the entire temperature range of -40° to +80°C
Vibration Resistance:	Mechanical vibrations with 4 g and 5 to 100 Hz

Mechanical

Rating:	NEMA 4x
Housing:	Aluminum, coated IP66/68
Face Diameter:	0.625 inches (16 mm)
Horn Length	
CS475:	5.4 inches (137 mm)
CS476, CS477:	16.9 inches (430 mm)
Horn Material:	316L stainless steel

3. Installation

3.1 General Safety Instructions

Observe standard regulations and guidelines while installing and operating the radar sensors. You should follow country-specific installation standards, prevailing safety regulations, accident prevention rules, and this manual's safety instructions.

Depending on the model, the emitting frequencies of these radar sensors are either in the C or K band range. Their low transmitting power is well below the internationally permitted limits. When used correctly, the radar sensors present no danger to people.

It is the responsibility of the user to ensure that the sensors are maintained and functioning properly.

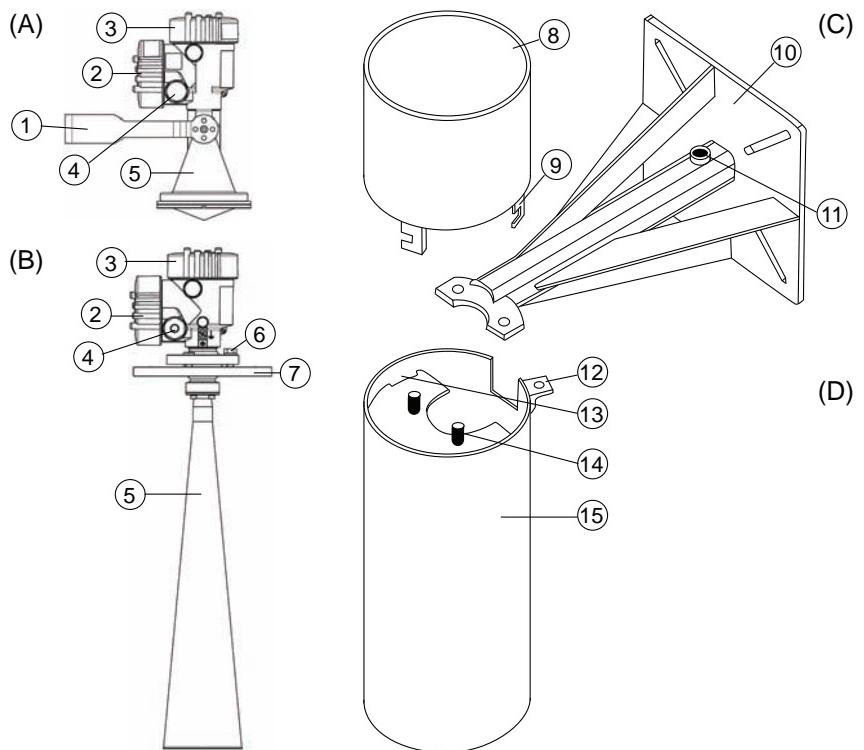
3.2 Unpacking Equipment

When unpacking the equipment, do the following:

- Unpack the unit in a clean, dry area.
- Inspect the equipment for any damage that occurred during shipping or storage.
- If the equipment is damaged, file a claim against the carrier and report the damage in detail.

3.3 Components and Hardware

The radar sensor consists of an integrated microwave transmitter and sensor together with a horn antenna (see Figure 3-1 and Table 3-1). The horn antenna serves to focus the transmitted signal and to receive the reflected echo. A built-in SDI-12 interface provides data processing and SDI-12 communications with the datalogger.



*FIGURE 3-1. Components and Hardware
(see Table 3-1 for description of labels)*

TABLE 3-1. Description of Components and Hardware Labels

(A)	CS475
(B)	CS476 or CS477
(C)	Optional Mounting Base
(D)	Optional Protective Shield
1	Mounting Loop
2	PULS Housing Side Cap
3	PULS Housing Cap
4	PULS Unit Secondary 1/2" NPT Cable Port, Primary Port on Opposite Side
5	PULS Instrument Horn
6	5/8" Hex Head Cap Screw & Lock Washer
7	Swivel Mounting Flange
8	Upper Shield
9	Upper Shield Twist Lock Tab (3x)
10	Mounting Base
11	1/2" NPT, Mounting Base, Cable Entry Port
12	Lower Shield Locking Tab
13	Notch in Lower Shield Mounting Plate for Twist Lock Upper Shield
14	Lower Shield Mounting Stud, 5/8-11 (2x)
15	Lower Shield

3.4 Installation Recommendations

Before installing the radar sensor, you must consider all the suggested guidelines for site and maintenance issues. Do not attempt to install the sensor unless you are qualified to perform the installation. The sensor is designed for safe operation in accordance with the current technical, safety and ANSI standards.

CAUTION

If you are uncertain of the safe installation and operation of this unit, read and understand all the instructions included in this manual before attempting any installation or operation.

3.4.1 Site Selection

1. Handle the sensor carefully, since it is a precision instrument.
 2. Mount the sensor high enough to prevent submersion during flooding conditions.
 3. Ensure that the sensor is mounted securely to prevent any movement.
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WARNING

Since the sensor is commonly installed over water from tall structures, use appropriate safety equipment such as a safety harness or a life preserver when you install or perform maintenance on the sensor.

4. Install the sensor above the smoothest part of the water surface.
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NOTE

The smoothest part of the water surface is typically found halfway between bridge piers. However, bridges with long spans between the piers experience more vibration. For these bridges, vibration can be minimized by mounting the sensor a quarter to a third of the distance to the next pier.

5. Align the antenna horn within 1° of vertical to prevent trigonometric measurement errors. (A level indicator is provided on the top cap of the sensor for zero bubble).
 6. Avoid mounting near horizontal structural surfaces such as beams, brackets, and sidewall joints because these surfaces reflect a strong signal. If these structures cannot be avoided, use the false echo learn command to map out the interfering structures in the beam profile (see Section 5.2.1).
 7. Center the sensor beam a minimum of 2.5 m from any obstruction in the measurement range. Obstructions to be aware of include excessive waves, splashing, pipes, wires, and logs. Note that the radiation beam spreads as it leaves the sensor (see Tables 3-2 and 3-3).
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NOTE

Usually the beam path is 10° for the CS475, and 8° for the CS476/CS477.

TABLE 3-2. Radiation Beam Spread for CS475 (10° Beam Angle)	
Distance in Meters	Diameter of Footprint in Meters
1	0.18
5	0.87
10	1.76
15	2.64
20	3.53

TABLE 3-3. Radiation Beam Spread for CS476/CS477 (8° Beam Angle)	
Distance in Meters	Diameter of Footprint in Meters
1	0.14
5	0.70
10	1.41
15	2.11
20	2.81
30	4.216
70 (CS477 only)	9.84

8. Be aware that bridges contract and expand with temperature changes. Traffic loads or trucks can also cause changes to the bridge height.
9. Do not install the sensor where submerged obstructions such as rocks or bridge piers can distort or disturb water level.

3.5 Sensor Mounting

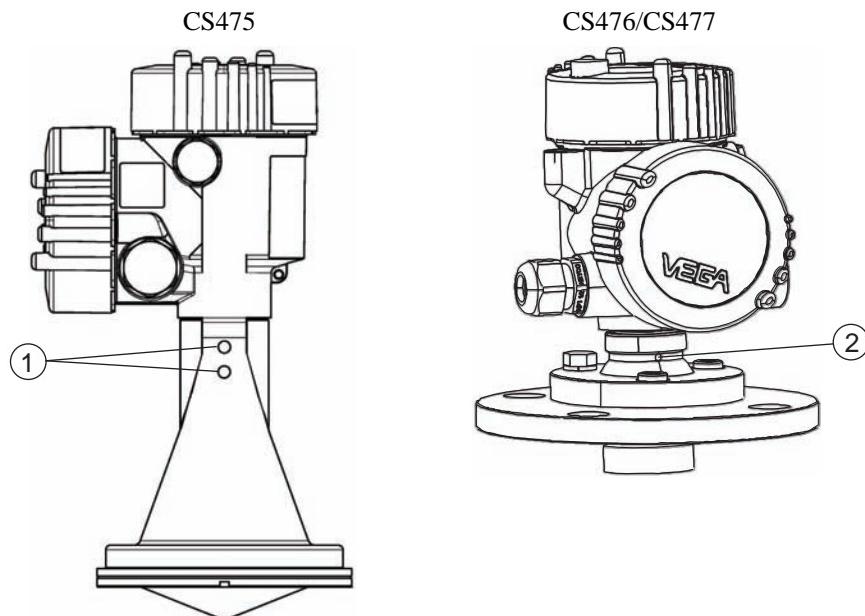
3.5.1 Vertical Alignment

Use a user-supplied bubble level or the 25619 bubble level to make certain the antenna horn is aligned within 1° of vertical. The cap needs to be removed when using the 25619. If the antenna is not vertical, a trigonometric measurement error can occur with respect to the water. The maximum range is reduced because of the off-axis return signal.

3.5.2 Azimuth Alignment

The sensor's radar beam is polarized so that it emits radar waves in an elliptical or football shape. You should orient the unit so the lobes are parallel to, and do not intersect the pier, when you install on a wall or close to a bridge pier. The radar housing has a large hex nut on its mount stem. Two drill marks below the

hex nut indicate which direction the lobes extend the least. Orient the sensor such that one of the marks is aligned towards the wall or pier (see Figure 3-2 and Table 3-4).



*FIGURE 3-2. Polarization Markings
(see Table 3-4 for label descriptions)*

TABLE 3-4. Description of Polarization Markings Labels		
	Sensor	Description
1	CS475	Polarization marks are designated by the mounting loop screws.
2	CS476/CS477	Polarization mark is machine-tooled.

3.6 Instrument Housing Adjustment

After mounting, you can rotate the housing up to 350° to simplify access to the conduit entry and terminal compartment. Proceed as follows to rotate the housing to the desired position:

1. Loosen the set screw on the housing.
2. Rotate the housing as desired.
3. Tighten the set screw.

4. Wiring

4.1 Datalogger Connection

As shipped from Campbell Scientific, the sensor is fitted with a cable for connection with the datalogger. Appendix A describes replacing this cable.

Connections to Campbell Scientific dataloggers are given in Table 4-1. When Short Cut is used to create the datalogger program, the sensor should be wired to the channels shown on the wiring diagram created by Short Cut.

CAUTION

Connect the wires in the order shown in Table 4-1.

TABLE 4-1. Wiring Diagram

Color	Description	CR800, CR850, CR1000, CR3000,	CR10(X), CR510, CR500	CR23X	CR5000	CR200(X)
white	SDI-12 Signal	Odd Numbered Control Port (C1, C3...)	Odd Numbered Control Port (C1, C3...)	Odd Numbered Control Port (C1, C3...)	SDI-12	C1/SDI-12
clear	Chassis ground	$\frac{1}{\perp}$	G	$\frac{1}{\perp}$	$\frac{1}{\perp}$	$\frac{1}{\perp}$
red	+12V (power supply for sensor)	12V	12V	12V	12V	Battery+
black	ground	G	G	$\frac{1}{\perp}$	G	G

4.2 Multiple Sensors Connection

To use more than one probe per datalogger, you can either connect the different probes to different SDI-12 compatible ports on the datalogger or change the SDI-12 addresses of the probes and let them share the same connection. Using the SDI-12 address minimizes the use of ports on the datalogger and also allows probes to be connected in a “daisy-chain” fashion which can minimize cable runs in some applications.

4.3 Built-in Self Test (BIST)

After connecting the sensor to the datalogger’s power terminals, the sensor performs a BIST (built-in self test) for approximately 80 seconds (factory default). During this self-check, an internal check of the electronics occurs.

5. Configuration

5.1 Default Settings

In most circumstances, the default settings (see Table 5-1) should be used. Refer to Appendix B for other setting options and SDI-12 commands.

TABLE 5-1. Default Settings	
Setting	Default Setting
SDI-12 Address	0 (You only need to change this if two sensors are connected to the same port; valid addresses are 0 through 9, A through Z, and a through z.)
Units of Measure	1 = feet
Water Conditions	1 = smooth; (typical peak to trough of wave \leq 4 inches)
Power Operation Mode	1=on (Sensor is always on until a new power operation mode command is received.)

5.2 Startup Procedure

The basic startup procedure for the radar sensor is as follows:

1. Mount, wire, and install the sensor (see Sections 3 and 4).
2. Do a Start False Echo Learn command followed by a Send Data command. The Start False Echo Learn command is an essential function during the setup of the sensor (see Section 5.2.1).
3. Enter the current water level using the Set Water Stage command followed by a Send Data command (see Section 5.2.2).
4. Refer to Appendix B if you want to change defaults for the address, units of measure, water conditions, and power operation mode.
5. Program the datalogger to measure the sensor (see Section 6).

5.2.1 Start False Echo Learn

NOTE

The settings are changed using the 25616 Adjustment/Display Module or the terminal emulator in LoggerNet or PC400. During normal communication, the datalogger sends the address, together with a command, to the sensor. The sensor then replies with a “response”.

The Start False Echo Learn command is an essential function during the startup of the sensor. It is also used during testing if a problem is encountered. The command allows the unit to learn about false echoes (noise) in the area. With the False Echo Learn command, you enter the actual distance to the water surface, as measured in meters or feet, depending on the Unit setting. The

radar sensor then emits the short microwave pulses. Any echo occurring 0.5 m (1.6 ft) short of the distance you entered will be considered noise.

To start false echo learn, do the aXSFEL+nnn.nnn! command (where nnn.nnn = the actual distance to the water) followed by the aD0! (Send Data) command. Table 5-2 shows an example of the command and response.

TABLE 5-2. Example of a Start False Echo Learn Command	
Initial Command	Response
0XSFEL+2.500! Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 2.500—the water surface distance.	02001<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 200—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending the send data command; 1—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
0D0! Where the first zero is the sensor address. This is the send data command.	0+2.500<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 2.500—the water surface distance.

5.2.2 Set Water Stage

NOTE

The settings are changed using the 25616 Adjustment/Display Module or the terminal emulator in LoggerNet or PC400. During normal communication, the datalogger sends the address, together with a command, to the sensor. The sensor then replies with a “response”.

With the Set Water Stage command, you enter the initial depth of the water, and the sensor will automatically measure the distance between the sensor and the water surface. The water stage setting and the initial distance measurement are used to calculate subsequent water stage measurements. Correct stage measurements require that the water stage setting be in the same units as the Units of Measure setting. You can find out if the sensor is set to meters or feet by using the aXGU! (Get Unit) command.

To set the water stage, do an aXSS+nnn.nnn! command (where nnn.nnn = the initial water depth) followed by the aD0! (send data) command. Table 5-3 shows an example of the command and response for entering this setting.

TABLE 5-3. Example for Setting Water Stage	
Initial Command	Response
0XSS+7.010! Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 7.010—the initial water depth value used to calculate subsequent stage measurements	00011<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 001—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending the send data command; 1—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Command Response
0D0! Where the first zero is the sensor address. This is the send data command.	0+7.010<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 7.010—the initial water depth value used to calculate subsequent stage measurements

6. Programming

This section is for users who write their own datalogger programs. A datalogger program to measure this sensor can be created using Campbell Scientific's Short Cut Program Builder software. You do not need to read this section to use Short Cut.

The radar sensor's output is measured using a standard SDI-12 instruction to read the data from an SDI-12 sensor. If using the sensor with other SDI-12 recorders, please refer to your system's documentation. Further details of the SDI-12 commands can be found at: www.sdi-12.org.

6.1 CRBasic

Dataloggers that are programmed with CRBasic include the CR200(X) series, CR800, CR850, CR1000, CR3000, and CR5000. These dataloggers use the SDI12Recorder instruction to read the sensor. The SDI12Recorder instruction should only be ran in the sequential mode.

The values returned from the SDI12Recorder() instruction are different depending on the SDI12 measurement command issued. The SDI12Recorder instruction sends the command specified by the SDI12Command parameter as (address)SDI12Command!.

SDI12Recorder (Dest, SDIPort, SDIAddress, "SDICommand", Multiplier, Offset)

The SDI12Recorder instruction has the following parameters:

Dest	The Dest parameter is a variable in which to store the results of the measurement. Dest must have enough elements to store all the data that is returned by the sensor or a 'variable out of range' error will result during the execution of the instruction.										
SDIPort	The SDIPort parameter is the port to which the SDI-12 sensor is connected. A numeric value is entered:										
	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Code</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>Control Port 1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3</td> <td>Control Port 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5</td> <td>Control Port 5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>7</td> <td>Control Port 7</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Code	Description	1	Control Port 1	3	Control Port 3	5	Control Port 5	7	Control Port 7
Code	Description										
1	Control Port 1										
3	Control Port 3										
5	Control Port 5										
7	Control Port 7										
SDIAddress	The SDIAddress parameter is the address of the sensor that will be affected by this instruction. Valid addresses are 0 through 9, A through Z, and a through z. Alphabetical characters should be enclosed in quotes (e.g., "0").										
SDICommand	The SDICommand parameter is used to specify the command strings that will be sent to the sensor. The command should be enclosed in quotes. See Table 6-1 shows the specific SDI-12 Command Codes and their returned values.										

TABLE 6-1. SDI-12 Command Codes

SDI12 Measurement Command	Returned Values
M!	1) Stage in meters or feet 2) Distance in meters or feet 3) Error Code (see Section 7)

6.1.1 Example Program

```
'CR1000 Series Datalogger

Declare the variable for the water level measurement

Public CS475(3)

Rename the variable names
Alias CS475(1)=Stage
Alias CS475(2)=Distance
Alias CS475(3)=Error_Code
```

```
'Define a data table for 60 minute maximum and minimums
DataTable (Hourly,True,-1)
    DataInterval(0,60,Min,10)
    Maximum(1,Distance,FP2,0,0)
    Minimum(1,Distance,FP2,0,0)
    Average(1,Distance,FP2,False)
    StdDev(1,Distance,FP2,False)
    Maximum(1,Stage,FP2,0,0)
    Minimum(1,Stage,FP2,0,0)
    Average(1,Stage,FP2,False)
    StdDev(1,Stage,FPs,False)
    Sample (1,Error_Code,UINT2)
EndTable

'Read sensor every 60 seconds
BeginProg
    Scan(60,sec,1,0)

    'Code for SDI-12 measurements:
    SDI12Recorder(CS475,1,0,"M!",1,0)

    'Call the data table:
    CallTable(Hourly)

NextScan

EndProg
```

6.2 Edlog

Dataloggers that are programmed with Edlog include the CR500, CR510, CR10(X), and CR23X. These dataloggers use Instruction 105 to read the sensor.

Instruction 105 allows data to be collected from the radar sensor; each sensor requires a separate Instruction 105.

Instruction 105 has the following parameters:

Parameter 1 - Address. Valid addresses are 0 through 9; 65 through 90 (decimal value for ASCII upper-case letters); and 97 through 122 (decimal values for ASCII lower-case letters). Refer to Table xx for a list of the decimal values for the upper- or lower-case letters.

Parameter 2 - Command. Refer to the Edlog help for the command codes used with this instruction.

Parameter 3 - Port. Enter the datalogger port in which the datalogger is connected.

Parameter 4 - Location. Enter the input location in which to store the results.

Parameter 5 - Multiplier

Parameter 6 - Offset

NOTE

Edlog allocates only one of the input locations needed for this instruction. Three input locations are required for this sensor. The additional input locations must be inserted manually using the Input Location Editor. For information on manually inserting input locations, refer to Manually Inserting Input Locations in the Edlog help.

6.2.1 Example Program

Below is a portion of a CR10X program that measures the radar sensor.

NOTE

The instructions below do not store data in final storage. Instruction 92, Instruction 77 and processing instructions such as Instruction 70 are required to store the data permanently.

```
;/{CR10X}
;
*Table 1 Program
01: 60          Execution Interval (seconds)

1: SDI-12 Recorder (P105)
 1: 0          SDI-12 Address
 2: 0          Start Measurement (aM0!)
 3: 1          Port ;this is where the white wire is connected
 4: 1          Loc[Data_1 ]
 5: 1.0        Mult
 6: 0.0        Offset

*Table 2 Program
02: 0.000      Execution Interval (seconds)

*Table 3 Subroutines

End Program
```

After Instruction 105 is executed, the input location called “Data_1” will hold the measured stage, reported in feet or meters (depending on the Unit of Measure setting). The input location called Data_2 will hold the distance measurement, reported in feet or meters (depending on the Unit of Measure setting). The input location called Data_3 will hold the error code; an error code of 0 indicates that the sensor is functioning properly (see Section 7).

Note that Port 1 specifies that the SDI-12 data line is to be connected to the Port C1.

7. Diagnostics, Repair, and Maintenance

7.1 Testing Procedure

The test procedures for the sensor require the following steps:

1. Double check all wiring connections.
2. Connect the sensor to your datalogger and apply +12V power.
3. Compare the Output Stage versus the Actual Stage using the Start Measurement command followed by the Send Data command (see Section 7.1.1)
4. Send the Acknowledge Active command (see Section 7.1.2). This command is used to check the presence of the sensor on the bus. Only the address is sent back in response.
5. Send the Identification command (see Section 7.1.3).
6. Send the Start Verification command followed by the Get Data command (see Section 7.1.4).
7. Use the Get Unit command to ensure the units are what you want (see Section 7.1.5).
8. Use the Get Water Condition command to ensure that the water condition fit the body of water you are monitoring (see Section 7.1.6).
9. Use the Get Power Operation mode to ensure that the power mode is what you want (see Section 7.1.7).
10. Use the False Echo Learn command if you encounter a problem that could be caused by noise (see Section 5.2.1).

7.1.1 Start Measurement Command

NOTE

The 25616 Adjustment/Display Module or the terminal emulator in LoggerNet or PC400 can be used to enter this command. The Start Measurement command is also used in CRBasic or Edlog programming. Refer to the Edlog help for the appropriate command code entry.

The aM! command requests measurement values from the sensor. This command is always followed by the aD0! (Send Data) command (see Table 7-1). As a response of the Send Data command, the following information will be returned.

- Stage--the water level as measured in meters or feet. This measurement is calculated using the Water Stage Setting and the Units setting.

- Distance--the distance between the sensor and water surface. This value will be reported in either meters or feet, depending on the Units setting.
- Diagnostic Values—an error code. For example, Code 0 = OK, Code 13 = error E013 (see Section 7.2).

TABLE 7-1. Example of Start Measurement Command	
Initial Command	Response
0M! Where zero is the sensor address	00023<cr><If> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 002—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending the send data command; 3—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
0D0! Where the first zero is the sensor address	0+100.050+25.000+0<cr><If> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 100.050—the stage in meters or feet; 25.000—the distance in meters or feet 0—error code

7.1.2 Check Unit Response

The Acknowledge Active command is used to check the presence of the sensor on the bus (see Table 7-2).

TABLE 7-2. Acknowledge Active Command	
Initial Command	Response
a!	a<cr><If!> Only the address is sent back in response.

7.1.3 Check for Valid Data

The aI! command gets the following identification information in response to sending aI! (see Table 7-3).

- Compatibility level: Version of SDI-12 protocol version. For example, 1.3
- Manufacturer's Name: VEGA

- Manufacturer's Model Number: PS61 (CS475), PS62 (CS476), or PS63 (CS477)
- Three Digit Firmware Version Number.
- Eight Digit Serial Number of Sensor.

TABLE 7-3. Send Identification Command	
Initial Command	Response
aI!	<p>a13VEGAbbbbPS6233212345678<cr><lf></p> <p>Where (from left to right),</p> <p>a—sensor address 13—SDI-12 compatibility number VEGA = manufacturer's Name PS62=Manufacturer's Model Number 3.32Sensor Version Number = Serial Number = 12345678</p>

7.1.4 Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC)

A cyclic redundancy check (CRC) is used to produce and send a small, fixed-size checksum of a larger block of data to the datalogger. This checksum detects errors after transmission or storage. The CRC is computed and added before any transmission or storage. The CRC is also authenticated by the recipient, after the transmission, to confirm that no alterations occurred. CRCs are very good at identifying errors caused by noise in transmission channels.

7.1.4.1 Check CRC for Valid Data

The aV! command requests three verification values from the sensor. This command is always followed by the aD0! (Send Data) command.

The verification values that will be returned are:

- CRC check (error check)—values are 0 (OK) or 1 (failed)
- SDI-12 Radar firmware version number
- HART Sensor firmware version

Table 7-4 shows an example of checking the CRC.

TABLE 7-4. Checking CRC Example	
Initial Command	Response
0V! where 0=the sensor's address	00013<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 001—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending the send data command; 3—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
0D0! Where the first zero is the sensor's address.	0+0+1610000+3320000<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 0—CRC check (0 = OK) 1610000—adapter version (1.61.00.00) 3320000—sensor version (3.32.00.00)

7.1.5 Get Units

Use the aXGU! command to get the current units setting of the sensor. The units can be either feet or meters. If the units are feet, a 1 will be returned, and if the units are meters, a 0 will be returned.

7.1.6 Get Water Conditions

The aXGWC! command returns the current setting of the water conditions. Possible water conditions are:

1 = smooth (default)

2 = medium

3 = rough

0 = undefined (custom settings)

7.1.7 Get Power Operation Mode

The 0XGPOM! command provides the current power operation mode setting of the sensor.

7.2 Diagnostics and Repair

The radar sensor is extremely reliable, but problems can occur during operation. Most of these problems are caused by the following:

- Sensor
- Environmental Conditions
- Power Supply
- Signal Processing

When you encounter a problem with the radar sensor, check the error messages from the aM!, followed by the aD0! command to help evaluate the issue.

NOTES

1. During the initial power-up or resumption of supply voltage to the sensor, some SDI-12 commands, such as the I command, will not yield the expected responses.
 2. A typical response to the aD0! command results in a response of 108003 where approximately 80 seconds is the required time to complete the BIST (Built in Self Test) of the instrument. After power-up is complete, normal SDI-12 communication starts.
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7.2.1 No Measured Value Available - Error E013

If you are unable to find a measured value, check the following:

- Sensor in boot phase
- Update the Start False Echo Learn (aXSFEL).

7.2.2 No Measured Value Available - Error E041, E042, E043

If you have a hardware error or have defective electronics, try cycling the power to the sensor. If the sensor recovers, no further steps are required. If the sensor does not recover, do one of the following:

- Exchange the electronics module (see Section 7.2.2.1)
- Return the equipment for repair (an RMA is required)

7.2.2.1 Exchange Electronics Module

If you do not have an electronics module onsite, order one from Campbell Scientific.

The electronics module is replaced by doing the following steps (see Figure 7-1 and Table 7-5):

1. Unscrew the housing cap (cap is not shown in Figure 7-1).
2. Remove all wires that are attached or plugged into the electronics and note their location for reassembly.
3. Loosen the two (2) screws “A” securing the electronics to the housing. These screws are captive screws and will remain nested with the electronics.
4. Gently remove the electronics “B” from the housing.

NOTE

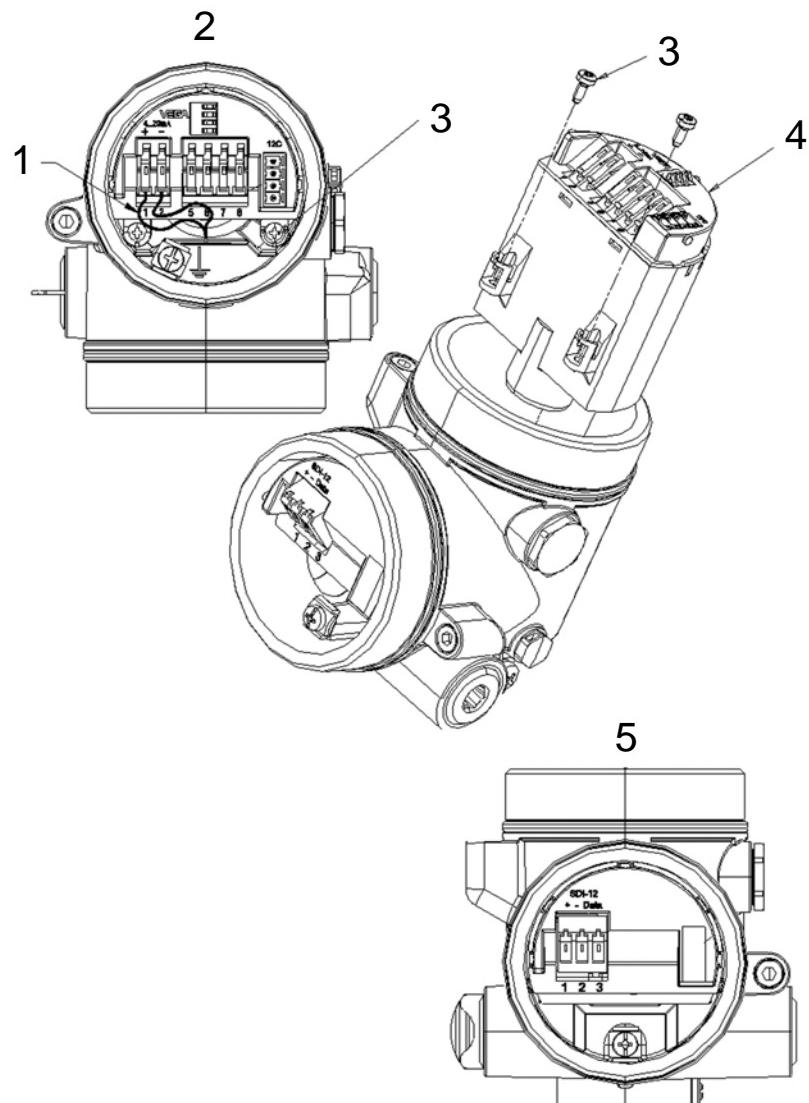
Some friction is normal when removing the electronics because a seal is between the electronics and the lower portion of the housing.

5. Replace the electronics with a new module.

NOTE

Make sure the two (2) screws holding the electronics module in are tight, but do not over tighten. Over tightening these screws can strip the threads.

6. Tighten the two (2) screws “A” to secure the electronics to the housing.
7. Re-assemble all wires that were originally attached or plugged into the electronics.
8. Tighten the housing cap.



*FIGURE 7-1. Changing the Electronics
(see Table 7-5 for label descriptions)*

TABLE 7-5. Description of Changing the Electronics Labels

	Description
1	Red Wire
2	Housing Top View
3	Screws to Secure Electronics to Housing
4	Electronics
5	Housing Side View

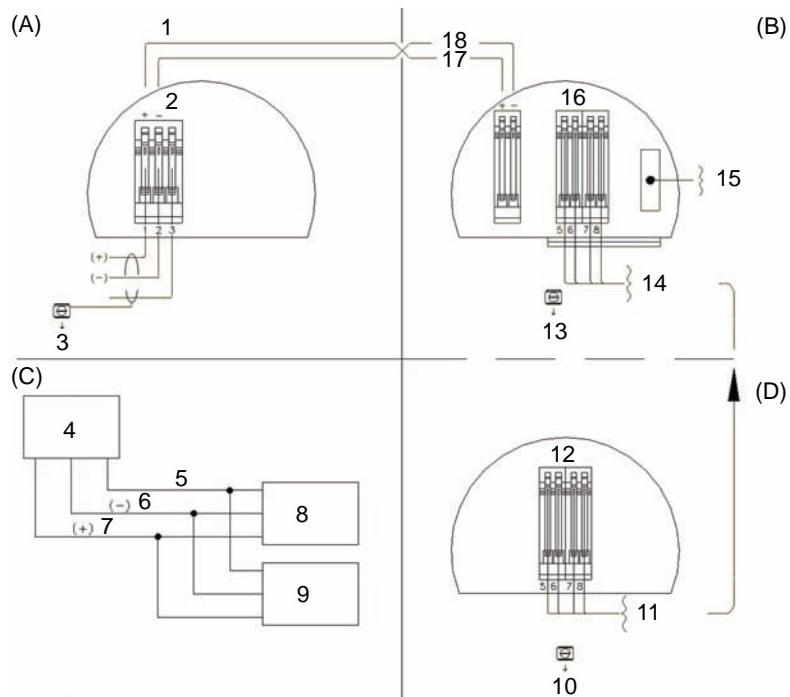
7.3 Maintenance

The sensors are maintenance free under normal operation.

Appendix A. Replacing the Cable

The sensor is fitted with a cable for connection to the dataogger. The following procedure is for replacing the original cable (see Figure A-1 and Table A-1).

1. Unscrew the housing side compartment screw cap.
2. Loosen the cord grip on the cable entry.
3. Remove approximately 4 inches (10 cm) of the cable mantle.
4. Strip approximately 0.4 inches (1 cm) of the insulation from the end of the individual wires.
5. Insert the cable into the sensor through the cable entry.
6. Lift the opening levers of the terminals with a screwdriver.
7. Insert the wire ends into the open terminals.
 - Connect the Power Supply +12 Vdc to the terminals marked 1 (+).
 - Connect the Power Supply Ground to the terminals marked 2(-).
 - Connect the Data Line to the terminals marked 3 (data).
8. Press the opening lever of the terminal down. You will hear the terminal spring closed.
9. Check that the wires are firmly connected in the terminal by lightly pulling on them.
10. Connect the screen to the internal ground terminal and the external ground terminal to potential equalization (ground).
11. Tighten the cord grip on the cable entry. The seal ring must completely encircle the cable.
12. Place the housing side compartment screw cap on and tighten to ensure a mechanical seal.



*FIGURE A-1. Connecting the Instrument Housing
(see Table A-1 for description of labels)*

TABLE A-1. Description of Instrument Housing Labels

Connections	Description
(A)	Side Chamber SDI-12 Wiring
(B)	Top Chamber Inner Housing Connections
(C)	Typical SDI-12 Network Configuration
(D)	DIS61 (Optional) (Reference V-2799S0)
1	Inner Housing Connections (Modular Plug Mounted in Dual Chamber Housing), Plugs into Back of SDI-12 Board
2	SDI-12 Data
3	Ground Connection
4	Data Acquisition Device
5	Serial Data Line
6	12V (-) Ground
7	12V (+) Line
8	SDI-12 Sensor #1
9	SDI-12 Sensor #2
10	Ground Connection
11	To Instrument
12	Remote Display
13	Ground Connection
14	Digital Output (To Optional Remote Display)
15	Plug for Laptop Connection
16	Remote Display
17	Red
18	Other

Appendix B. Entering SDI-12 Commands/Changing Settings

The SDI-12 commands are entered using the 25616 Adjustment/Display Module or the terminal emulator in LoggerNet or PC400. These commands are also used in CRBasic or Edlog programming (see Section 6).

During normal communication, the datalogger sends the address, together with a command, to the sensor. The sensor then replies with a “response”.

SDI-12 command codes that are used with the radar sensor are listed in Table B-1. The SDI-12 address and the command/response terminators are defined as follows:

Initial Command	Response
a	Is the sensor address. The following ASCII Characters are valid addresses: 0-9, AZ, a-z, *, ?. Sensors are initially programmed at the factory with the address of 0 for use in single sensor systems. Addresses 1 to 9 and A to Z or a to z are used for additional sensors connected to the same port.

Where:

a is the sensor address (0-9, A-Z, a-z, *, ?)

M is an upper-case ASCII character ! Is the last character of a command block

<cr><lf> Are carriage return (0D) hex and line feed (0A) hex characters. They are the last two characters of a response block

NOTES

- All commands/responses are upper-case printable ASCII characters.
 - Commands must be terminated with a ! character.
 - Responses are terminated with <cr><lf> characters.
 - The command string must be transmitted in a contiguous block with no gaps of more than 1.66 milliseconds between characters
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TABLE B-1. SDI-12 Commands	
Function	SDI-12 Command
Address Query	?!!
Send Identification	aI!
Acknowledge Active	a!
Change Address	aAb! Where a is the current address and b is the new address
Start Verification	aV!
Start Measurement	aM!
Start Measurement and Request CRC	aMC!
Send Data	aD0!...aD9!
Additional Measurements	aM1!...aM9!
Additional Measurement and Request CRC	aMC1!...aMC9!
Start Concurrent Measurement	aC!
Start Concurrent Measurement and Request CRC	aCC!
Additional Concurrent Measurements	aC1!...aC9!
Additional Concurrent Measurements and Request CRC	aCC1!...aCC9!
Start False Echo Learn	aXSFEL+n! <i>n</i> =distance necessary to clear the obstruction
Set Power n Operation Mode (ON, OFF, AUTO)	aXSPOM+n! <i>n</i> =2 (auto), 1 (on), or 0 (off)
Get Power Operation Mode (ON, OFF, AUTO)	aXGPOM! 2=auto; 1=on; 0=off
Get Water Conditions	aXGWC! <i>n</i> =0 (auto), 1 (smooth) 2 (medium), or 3 (rough)
Set Water Conditions Where <i>n</i> is the new Water Condition	aXSWC+n! <i>n</i> =0 (auto), 1 (smooth) 2 (medium), or 3 (rough)
Set Water Stage Where <i>n</i> is the new Water Stage	aXSS+n! <i>n</i> =floating point number that is the initial distance between the sensor and the water surface.
Get Unit	aXGU! 0=meters; 1=feet
Set Unit Where <i>n</i> is the new unit of measurement	aXSU+n! <i>n</i> = 0 (meters) or 1 (feet)
Reset Sensor Resets the sensor to its factory settings	aXRS! 0=reset unsuccessful; 1=reset successful

B.1 Changing Settings

B.1.1 Query/Set the Address

Valid addresses are 0 to 9; A through Z; and a through z. The factory default address is set to 0. The address can be verified by sending the sensor the Address Query command (see Table B-2).

TABLE B-2. SDI-12 Command for Querying the Address	
Initial Command	Response
?! Where a is the current address of the sensor.	a<cr><If> Where a is the current address of the sensor.

Change the sensor's address by sending the sensor the aAb! command, where a is the original address and b is the new address. Table B-3 shows an example of the command and response for setting the address.

TABLE B-3. Example of Setting Address	
Initial Command	Response
0A1! Where 0 is the original address and 1 is the new address	1<cr><If> The new address (1) is set in response.

B.1.2 Set Units

The distance measurement can be reported in feet (default) or meters. Change the units by first using the aXSU+n! command (where n=1 (feet) or 0 (meters)) followed by the aXGU! (Get Units) command. Table B-3 shows an example of the command and response for changing this setting.

TABLE B-4. Example of Setting Units	
Initial Command	Response
0XSU+0! Where the first zero is the sensor address and the second zero sets the units to meters	00011<cr><If> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 001—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending another command; 1—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
0XGU! Where zero is the sensor address. This is the get units command.	0+0<cr><If> Where the first zero is the sensor address and the second zero indicates that the units are now meters

B.1.3 Set Water Conditions

The Set Water Conditions command adapts the sensor to different water conditions.

There are four different settings:

- 0 (custom setting)
- 1 (smooth--typical peak to trough of wave < 4")
- 2 (medium--typical peak to trough of wave < 8")
- 3 (rough--typical peak to trough of wave > 8")

The factory default water conditions are set to 1, which is smooth. The water condition settings should closely mimic the actual water conditions during normal river flow.

Change this setting by first using the aXSWC+n! command (where n=0 (custom), 1 (smooth), 2 (medium), or 3 (rough)) followed by the aXGWC! (Get Water Conditions) command. Table B-5 shows an example of the command and response for changing this setting.

TABLE B-5. Example for Setting Water Conditions	
Initial Command	Response
0XSWC+2! Where, 0—sensor's address; 2—the new water condition setting (2=medium)	00011<cr><If> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 001—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending another command; 1—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
0XGWC! Where zero is the sensor address. This is the send water conditions command.	0+2<cr><If> Where, 0—sensor's address; 2—the new water condition setting (2=medium)

B.1.4 Set Power Operation Mode

The following three power operation modes are available:

- 1 (ON--sensor is always on until a new set power command is received.)
- 2 (Auto--sensor is powered by an incoming request from the SDI-12 bus and sends back a response including the information on power up time.)

- 0 (OFF—this mode is typically not recommended; sensor is completely off until a new set power command is received)

CAUTIONThe OFF power mode should only be used by advanced users who want to turn the sensor off for extended time periods. In this mode the sensor is completely off and only responds to a new set power command.

The factory default Power Operation Mode is 1 (ON). In this mode of operation, the instrument is continuously making measurements and draws approximately 13.5 mA. The AUTO Power Operation Mode puts the instrument in quiescent mode between measurement request queries.

Change this setting by first using the aXSPOM+n! command (where n=1 (on), 2 (auto), or 0 (off)) followed by the aXGPOM! (Get Power Mode) command. Table B-6 shows an example of the command and response for changing this setting.

TABLE B-6. Example for Setting Power Operation Mode

Initial Command	Response
0XSPOM+2! Where, 0—sensor's address; 2—the new power mode setting (2=auto).	00011<cr><lf> Where (from left to right), 0—sensor's address; 001—the amount of time (in seconds) that you must wait before sending another data command; 1—the number of values that will be placed in the buffer.
Subsequent Command	Response
aXGPOM! Where zero is the sensor address. This is the get power mode command.	0+2<cr><lf> Where, 0—sensor's address; 2—the new power mode setting (2=auto).

Appendix C. FCC/IC Equipment Authorization (USA/Canada only)

The CS475, CS476, and CS477 are FCC approved. Modifications to the sensors must have express agreement from Campbell Scientific. Any modifications not approved by Campbell Scientific will cause the expiration of the operating license issued by the FCC/IC. The radar sensor is in conformity with Part 15 of the FCC directives and fulfills the RSS-210 regulations.

Regulations for operation include:

- These devices must not cause any interfering emissions.
- These devices must accept any interfering emissions received, including interference that may cause unwanted operating conditions.

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